

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

MAIL PROCESSING NETWORK RATIONALIZATION
SERVICE CHANGES, 2011

Docket No. N2012-1

**RESPONSES OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO QUESTIONS 2, 4, 5 AND 7
OF PRESIDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 7**

The United States Postal Service hereby files the responses of its witnesses to questions contained in Presiding Officer's Information Request No. 7, dated April 13, 2012, as indicated below:

Witness Smith -- Question 2

Witness Martin -- Questions 4 and 5

Witness Elmore-Yalch -- Question 7

Responses to questions 1, 3 and 6 are forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS SMITH
TO PRESIDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 7
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2. In response to POIR No. 1, question 16(b), the Postal Service provided library reference USPS-LR-N2012-1/NP10, which contains disaggregated FY2010 MODS data. Please provide the same data for FY2011.

RESPONSE:

The requested data are provided in nonpublic library reference USPS-LR-N2012-1/NP22. A corresponding public version of the data is contained in library reference USPS-LR-N2012-1/86.

**RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS MARTIN TO
QUESTION 4 OF PRESIDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 7**

4. Please refer to the response to POIR No. 4, question 5(b), attachment Excel file 'Resp.POIR4.Q5b (Martin).xls,' worksheet 'Plant to Plant Cost'. Please provide the key (definition) for data provided in rows 862 to 1,575 under column A of 'Plant to Plant Cost' worksheet.

RESPONSE:

The key is provided below:

1B	Northeast Area
1C	Eastern Area
1E	Western Area
1H	formerly Southeast Area
2E	Seattle Branch

**RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS MARTIN TO
QUESTION 5 OF PRESIDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 7**

5. Please refer to the response to POIR No. 4, questions 5(b) and 6(b), attachments 'Resp.POIR4.Q5b (Martin).xls' and 'Resp.POIR4.Q6b (Martin).xls.'
- a. Please confirm that worksheet 'Plant to Plant Cost' in 'Resp.POIR4.Q5b (Martin).xls' contains all plant-to-plant routes. If not, please provide all plant-to plant routes and trips in the same format as attachment 'Resp.POIR4.Q5b (Martin).xls.'
 - b. Please confirm that worksheet 'Plant to Post Office Cost' in 'Resp.POIR4.Q6b (Martin).xls' contains all plant-to-post office routes. If not, please provide all plant-to-plant routes and trips in the same format as attachment 'Resp.POIR4.Q6b (Martin).xls.'

RESPONSE:

- (a) Confirmed. The spreadsheet contains all plant-to-plant routes in the current network.
- (b) Confirmed. The spreadsheet contains all plant-to-Post Office routes in the current network.

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE WITNESS ELMORE-YALCH TO PRESIDING OFFICER'S INFORMATION REQUEST No. 7

Question 7.

Please refer to USPS-N2012-1/NP1, files "First-Class Mail_LargeCommercial_Final_DataFile_USPS-N2012-1.NP1.sav", and "First-Class Mail_SmallHome_Final_DataFile_USPS-N2012-1.NP1.sav". In response to PR/USPS-T11-7, the Postal Service indicated that "original data...are not included in the data file because in their raw form are not useable." Please provide a dataset that contains the answers to the following questions and can be matched to the files: "First-Class Mail_LargeCommercial_Final_DataFile_USPS-N2012-1.NP1.sav", and "First-Class Mail_SmallHome_Final_DataFile_USPS-N2012-1.NP1.sav".

- a. From the Large Business Survey: Q2A_2012, Q2B_2012, Q2C_2012, Q2D_2012, Q2DD_2012, Q2E_2012, Q2F_2012, Q2G_2012, Q5B, Q6B Q7B, Q8B, Q8D, Q9B, Q10B, Q11B
- b. From the Small/Home Business Survey: Q2A_2012, Q2B_2012, Q2C_2012, Q2D_2012, Q2DD_2012, Q2E_2012, Q2F_2012, Q2G_2012, Q5B, Q6B, Q7B, Q8B, Q8D, Q11B

RESPONSE:

Associated with this response are two data files (SmallHome_Final_Additional Variables_POIR7.sav and LargeCommercial_Final_Additional Variables_POIR7.sav) that provide the specified responses corresponding to the questions listed. All variables are labeled so it should be evident how the variables correspond to the questionnaires. The files are being made available in the form of a supplement to library reference USPS-LR-N2012-1/NP1.

The first variable in each file (Respondent_Serial) is a unique identifier that can be used for the merge process. If using SPSS to complete the merge, both files need to be sorted using this variable, putting Respondent_Serial in ascending order.